

The U.S. and its allies need to give the China-Russia strategic alignment effective attention. With skill and foresight it is still possible to turn back the momentum by hard-liners in both Russia and China toward more confrontation while adopting realistic U.S. policies that maintain deterrence and peaceful relations.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-2478. A communication from the Clerk of the United States Court of Federal Claims, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to S. 1456; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2479. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator of the Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Research Service Awards" (RIN0925-AA16) received on June 18, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2480. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Water and Waste Disposal Programs Guaranteed Loans" (RIN0572-AB57) received on June 18, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2481. A communication from the Executive Resources and Special Programs Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Deputy Administrator, received on June 14, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2482. A communication from the Counsel to the Inspector General, United States General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and the designation of acting officer for the position of Inspector General, received on June 8, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2483. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2484. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Colum-

bia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 14-67, "Arena Fee Rate Adjustment and Elimination Act of 2001"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2485. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 14-69, "Advisory Neighborhood Commission Temporary Amendment Act of 2001"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2486. A communication from the Chairman of the Counsel of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 14-68, "Child Fatality Review Committee Establishment Temporary Act of 2001"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2487. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 14-70, "Earned Income Tax Credit Act of 2001"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2488. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 14-71, "Real Property Tax Assessment Transition Temporary Act of 2001"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2489. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 14-74, "51 Percent District Residents New Hires Amendment Act of 2001"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2490. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 14-72, "Department of Mental Health Establishment Temporary Amendment Act of 2001"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2491. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations; Panama City, FL" (Doc. No. 01-57) received on June 14, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2492. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations; Great Falls, MT" (Doc. No. 00-114) received on June 14, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2493. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations; Oklahoma City, OK" (Doc. No. 99-297) received on June 14, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2494. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations; Monticello, Maine" (Doc. No. 01-64) received on June 14, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2495. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Mass

Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations; Lima, OH" (Doc. No. 01-51) received on June 14, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2496. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations; Butte, MT" (Doc. No. 01-29) received on June 14, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2497. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations; Galesburg, IL" (Doc. No. 01-53) received on June 14, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2498. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations; Atlantic City, NJ" (Doc. No. 01-49) received on June 14, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2499. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Tuna Fisheries; Regulatory Adjustment; Deadline for Atlantic Tunas Permit Category extended until May 31 for 2001 only" (RIN0648-AP29) received on June 18, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2500. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of a Grant of Conditional Exception" received on June 13, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2501. A communication from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to Chile; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2502. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application of the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act to Record Retention Requirements Pertaining to Issuers under the Securities Act of 1933, Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Regulation S-T" (RIN3235-A114) received on June 14, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2503. A communication from the Under Secretary for Export Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export of ammonium nitrate; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2504. A communication from the Acting Chair of the Federal Subsistence Board, Fish